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SUBJECT: CONSTITUTION DAY SPEECHES

1. ALL OPPOSITION PARTY SPOKESMEN MADE PUBLIC STATEMENTS CONSTITUTION DAY (MAY 3) UNANIMOUSLY OPPOSING NEW ELECTORAL DISTRICT SYSTEM UNDER CONSIDERATION BY GOJ/ LDP. JSP CHAIRMAN TOMOMI NARITA WENT SO FAR AS TO CHARGE THAT GOJ HOPED TO USE NEW SYSTEM TO GAIN TWO- THIRDS MAJORITY IN HOUSE TO INITIATE REFORM OF NO- WAR CONSTITUTION. MEANWHILE, FORMER PRIME MINISTER NOBUSUKE KISHI ADDRESSED CONGRESS FOR INDEPENDENT CONSTITUTION MEETING AT BUDOKAN HALL, URGING THAT NEW INDEPENDENT CONSTITUTION BE ADOPTED TO REPLACE PRESENT ONE QTE FORCED ON JAPAN BY ARMY OF OCCUPATION UNQTE. GOJ WAS CRITICIZED FOR AGAIN NOT SPONSORING CEREMONY TO COMMEMORATE CONSTITUTION DAY.

2. NATIONWIDE TV NEWS EVENING MAY 3 SHOWED KEY PORTIONS OF ALL APPEARANCES.

3. NARITA STATED THAT JSP WOULD ORGANIZE NATIONWIDE MOVEMENT INSIDE AND OUTSIDE DIET TO CRUSH ATTEMPT BY GOJ TO REVISE ELECTORAL SYSTEM, WHICH HE CHARGED WAS DESIGNED TO GIVE LDP TWO- THIRDS MAJORITY NEEDED IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO INITIATE MOVE TO REVISE PRESENT PEACE CONSTITUTION. SIMILAR LINE EXPRESSED BY KOMEITO CHAIRMAN YOSHIKATSU TAKEIRI, WHO

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PLEDGED BEST EFFORTS TO THWART SUCH SCHEME, AND TO CRUSH QTE ANTI- CONSTITUTIONAL LINE UNQTE BEING PURSUED BY GOJ/ LDP. DSP CHAIRMAN IKKO KASUGA APPEALED FOR PUBLIC SUPPORT OF PRESENT CONSTITUTION IN APPEARANCE AT SHIBUYA STATION PLAZA, AND CRITICIZED GOJ/ LDP FOR FAILURE ONCE AGAIN TO SPONSOR CEREMONY CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARY OF PEACE CONSTITUTION.

4. JCP SPEAKERS WERE MOST ACTIVE, WITH CHAIRMAN KENJI MIYAMOTO APPEARING AT SHIBUYA STATION PLAZA AND PERIPATETIC SECRETARY TETSUZO FUWA AT FOUR LOCATIONS IN TOKYO, CHARGING IN ALL INSTANCES THAT TANAKA GOVERNMENT IS PLOTTING TO ESTABLISH NEW ELECTORAL SYSTEM TO PERPETUATE LDP RULE IN DEFIANCE OF POPULAR CRITICISM AND IN INTEREST OF BIG BUSINESS AND UNITED STATES.
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